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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF
CHEMICAL MATERIALS

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 9, please re-write lines 17-19 as follows:

Figs. 2(a) through 2(d) illustrate examples of the data structure of each database
in the system for comprehensive management of chemical substances in one embodiment
of the present invention;